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SUBJECT: ANTI-ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. UNIP OFFICIALS IN COPPERBELT CITIES ORGANIZED
DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL 3 IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S
MARCH 31 RESPONSE TO CRITICS OF GRZ ARREST OF SOME ZIMBABWE
NATIONALISTS (REFTELS). CROWDS VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT
5,000 (TIMES OF ZAMBIA), 10,000 (ZBS), AND 20,000
(GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL) PARADED THROUGH STREETS
OF NDOLA CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE REPATRATION OF ALL
RHODESIANS FROM ZAMBIA AND DENOUNCING "INSULTING STATE-
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MENTS" MADE BY ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS. THEY WERE

ADDRESSED BY COPPERBELT CABINET MINISTER AXON CHALIKULIMA, WHO CHARGED ZIMBABWE NOT YET FREE BECAUSE ITS FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE "COWARDS, LOVE MONEY, AND CORRUPT." NATIONALISTS WERE "TOO STUPID" TO APPRECIATE ZAMBIAN SACRIFICES FOR THEM. DEMONSTRATIONS OF SMALLER SIZE IN OTHER COPPERBELT TOWNS ALSO ADDRESSED BY PARTY OR LOCAL GOVT OFFICIALS.

2. APPARENTLY DEMONSTRATION IN NDOLA AT ONE POINT THREATENED TO GET OUT OF HAND, FOR TIMES REPORTS THAT POLICE HAD DIFFICULTY CONTROLLING CROWDS. AT ONE POINT CHALIKULIMA, PERHAPS REALIZING THAT HE MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR IN WHIPPING UP ANTI-ZAMBABWE FEELING, APPEALED TO CROWD NOT TO MOLEST ORDINARY RHODESIANS LIVING IN ZAMBIA. HE ALSO ORDERED OUT ADDITIONAL POLICE PATROLS TO ASSURE ORDER MAINTAINED. UNIP SEC GEN ZULU SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT TO PRESS ASKING THAT ZIMBABWEANS NOT BE MOLESTED.

3. COMMENT: ZAMBIAN LEADERSHIP IS GENERALLY COOL TO CHPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS SO DECISION TO TURN OUT CROWDS PROBABLY HAD APPROVAL HIGHEST LEVELS. ALSO, CHALIKULIMA, WHO SOMETHING OF AN ACTIVIST, MAY HAVE PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN URGING THIS COURSE. CHOICE OF VOLATILE, BEMBA-SPEAKING MINING COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE CONSIDERABLE ANTI-UNIP DISSIDENCE MAY REFLECT NOT ONLY FACT THAT IT EASY TO TURN OUT LARGE CROWDS IN THESE TOWNS ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE BUT ALSO DESIRE TO NOW ANTI-GOVERNMENT ZAMBIAN ELEMENTS WHO MIGHT SEEK USE CONTROVERSY OVER ARREST OF ZANU LEADERS AS MEANS EMBARRASS PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. DEMONSTRATIONS OBVIOUSLY NOT WELL THOUGHT OUT. NOT ONLY DID THEY NEARLY GET OUT OF HAND BUT THE SHARP ATTACKS ON ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS GIVE AMMUNITION TO THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY ACCUSING ZAMBIA OF SETTING BACK ZIMBABWE CAUSE. MEANWHILE, DOMONSTRATIONS HAVE UNDERSCORED GRZ DETERMINATION NOT BE TURNED ASIDE FROM ITS INVESTIGATION OF CHITEPO MURDER AND ITS INSISTENCE THAT HENCEFORTH ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS BEHAVE THEMSELVES WHILE ON ZAMBIAN SOIL.

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